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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT for the patent application:

Inventor(s): Gary (NMN) Stephenson

Serial No.: 09/489,310

Group Art Unit: 1614

Date Filed: January 21, 2000

Examiner: S. Rose

Title: METHODS OF USING A BEVERAGE COMPOSITION

[X] No additional fee is known to be required.

[] The fee has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY	
CLAIMS				

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA*	RATE	FEE
TOTAL	*	MINUS	**	=	x \$18 =	\$
INDEP.	*	MINUS	***	=	x \$80 =	\$
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+ \$270 =	\$
THETTIES					TOTAL	\$

If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.

If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.

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- The Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a) to grant any extension of time needed for timely response to the Office Action dated in the above-identified application to preserve pendency of said application. The processing fee under 37 CFR §1.17 has been determined as follows: \$ for a month extension of time.
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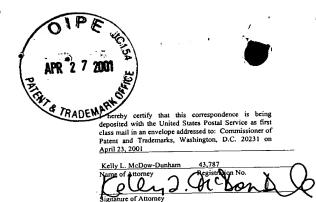
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of

GARY (NMN) STEPHENSON

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For METHODS OF USING A BEVERAGE COMPOSITION

REPLY UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 24, 2001 for the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of treating dental erosion comprising orally administering to a mammal a beverage composition having a pH of less than about 5; wherein the beverage composition comprises a compound having the structure:

 $M \longrightarrow O \longrightarrow P \longrightarrow O \longrightarrow M'$ $M'' \longrightarrow n$